

JUSTICE COURT JUDGES



**Judge
W. Paul Thompson**
Murray Municipal
Justice Court
(Salt Lake County)

Judge Paul Thompson was appointed judge of the Murray Municipal Justice Court in 2008. He served as judge in South Salt Lake from 1992 to 1997. He graduated from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 1976 after receiving a co-major in European Studies and Political Science also from BYU. He served as Mayor of Sandy City from 1978 to 1982. His private legal practice emphasized local government and land use law, having represented numerous local governmental entities including South Salt Lake, South Jordan, and the Town of Alta. He is a former municipal prosecutor. He has taught planning administration law as an adjunct Professor at the University of Utah. He was the founding chairperson of the Victims' Rights Committee in the Third Judicial District and former Board Member of the Utah Industries for the Blind, Salt Lake Valley Health Department, Salt Lake Council of Governments (Chairman), National League of Cities Transportation Policy Steering Committee. He has received distinguished service awards from the J. Reuben Clark Law School and the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association. He has been a member of the Utah State Bar since 1976.

Judge Thompson's compliance with performance standards is as follows:

- 1) Had fewer than the maximum allowable cases held under advisement.
- 2) Had at least 30 hours of continuing judicial education annually during his term.
- 3) Mentally and physically fit for office.
- 4) In substantial compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.



**Judge
Virginia Ward**
Salt Lake City Municipal
Justice Court
(Salt Lake County)

Judge Virginia Ward was appointed to the Salt Lake City Justice Court in July 2002. At the time of her appointment, Judge Ward was director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Utah Department of Human Services, and served as an Administrative Law Judge for that office. Previously, she served as a Senior Assistant Salt Lake City Prosecutor, with service in that office from 1994 to 2000. Judge Ward received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Utah in 1993, and previously earned an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science at the University of Utah in 1989, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. Judge Ward is the Presiding Judge in the Salt Lake City Justice Court, and is Chair of the Board of Directors for the Utah Law-Related Education Project. Judge Ward currently manages the Salt Lake City Justice Court's Focus Program, involving repeat DUI offenders, and she has given past service in various committee positions for the court system and the Utah State Bar.

Judge Ward's compliance with performance standards is as follows:

- 1) Had fewer than the maximum allowable cases held under advisement.
- 2) Had at least 30 hours of continuing judicial education annually during her term.
- 3) Mentally and physically fit for office.
- 4) In substantial compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.